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SUBJECT:GAO REVIEW OF SSA PROGRAMS IN CANADA

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1. THE GAO IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONS OF THE CANADIAN SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.
EXAMPLES OF QUESTIONS THEY WILL BE ASKING CANADIAN
OFFICIALS FOLLOW:

A) WHAT PENSIONS ARE PAID OUTSIDE OF CANADA TO CANADIAN
OR NON-CANADIAN CITIZENS?

B) ARE THERE EXCEPTIONS TO PAYMENTS OUTSIDE OF CANADA?

C) WHAT TYPES OF BENEFITS ARE PAID: OLD AGE, WIDOWS,
CHILDREN?

D) HOW MANY AMERICANS NOT RESIDING IN CANADA RECEIVE
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PENSIONS?

2. THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING
BENEFIT SCHEDULES.

3. THE GAO DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO DISCUSS COLLABORA-
TION BETWEEN THE U.S. SSA AND THE CANADIAN SSA.

4. THE TEAM REQUESTS THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH EMBASSY
OFFICIALS AND THE CONSULAR SECTION PERSONNEL BE SET UP FOR
THE MORNING OF MAY 25 AND MEETINGS WITH CANADIAN
REPRESENTATIVES BE SCHEDULED IN THE AFTERNOON. VANCE

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